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U.S. ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES

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(TEXT) BERLIN--FRESH EVIDENCE OF THE PEACE-ENDANGERING ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE CIA, WHICH IN EUROPE IS LARGELY CONDUCTED FROM WEST BERLIN, WAS PRESENTED BY THE MINISTRY FOR STATE SECURITY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY. CITING CONCRETE INSTANCES, LIEUTENANT COLONEL KEHL SHOWED THAT THE CIA, IN PARTICULAR, MISUSES FOREIGN NATIONALS FOR ESPIONAGE WORK AGAINST THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

ENGINEER ROLF EBELING FROM POTSDAM BEZIRK IN THE GDR APPEARED AS A WITNESS CONCERNING THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA SERVICE. HE WAS ENLISTED AS AN AGENT BY CIA OFFICIALS DURING A VISIT TO RELATIVES IN WEST BERLIN IN 1959. EBELING ACCEPTED THE OFFER WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GDR SECURITY AUTHORITIES AND WAS THUS IN A POSITION, UNTIL RECENTLY, TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH CIA CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES. AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE HE MENTIONED MANY COVERNAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF CIA OFFICERS IN WEST BERLIN. AND DISCLOSED THE WORKING METHODS OF THIS SECRET SERVICE.

KEHL, HEAD OF THE PRESS OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY FOR STATE SECURITY, RECALLED THE MURDER OF THE ITALIAN CITIZEN SONIA DE MORI IN WEST BERLIN. SHE HAD TO DIE BECAUSE SHE REFUSED TO ALLOW HERSELF TO BE MISUSED BY THE CIA AS AN AGENT AGAINST THE GDR. AT THE WEST BERLIN CIA CENTER AT CLAY ALLEE, IT WAS THE TASK OF THE SO-CALLED FOREIGNERS SPECIAL GROUP TO CHECK ALL FOREIGNERS LIVING IN WEST BERLIN OR TEMPORARILY WORKING THERE AS TO THEIR SUITABILITY AS AGENTS.

AS EVIDENCE, KEHL CITED THE CASE OF THE SPANISH "GUEST WORKER," JOSE GONZALES GUNTIN, AFTER A TEMPORARY STAY IN THE GDR. GONZALES GUNTIN WAS RECRUITED BY THE CIA UNDER THE THREAT THAT HE WOULD OTHERWISE BE SENT BACK TO SPAIN AS A "COMMUNIST." HE WAS TRAINED AS A MILITARY SPY AND SENT TO THE GDR, EQUIPPED WITH REFERENCE TABLES (ERKUNDUNGSTABELN), COVER-ADDRESSES, AND OTHERR ESPIONAGE GEAR.

FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF THE DUTCHMAN WILLY WILLEMS IN WEST BERLIN, THE CIA EXPLOITED THE FACT THAT WILLEMS FOUND HIMSELF IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OVER THE REPAYMENT OF A MORTAGE. HE WAS GIVEN THE ASSIGNMENT OF MISUSING HIS DUTCH PASSPORT TO ENTER THE GDR AND TO BUILD UP A ESPIONAGE AGENCY. IN ADDITION, HE WAS TO SPY OUT THE CONTROL SYSTEM AT THE GDR FRONTIER CROSSING POINTS.

GERDA HANDIKE, AN AUSTRIAN NATIONAL LIVING IN THE GDR, DURING A VISIT TO HER FATHER IN WEST BERLIN, WAS INSTRUCTED BY THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO CARRY OUT ESPIONAGE AGAINST THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. SHE WAS TO SPY ON SPECIFIC DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AND MEMORIZE EXACTLY THE FRONTIER CONTROL FORMALITIES FOR AUSTRIAAN CITIZENS. IN THIS CONTEXT, KEHL DREW ATTENTION TO THE UNTENABILITY OF THE INCITEMENT CAMPAIGN UNLEASHED DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS BY THE BONN GOVERNMENT, WITH THE HELP OF THE SPRINGER PRESS, AGAINST THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES--WHICH SOUHT TO PRESENT AGENTS OF IMPERIALIST SECRET SERVICES AS HARMLESS TOURISTS.

EBELING REPORTED THE FOLLOWING: "AN AGENT'S TRANSMITTER, STATIONED IN WEST BERLIN, AT A SPECIFIC TIME RECENTLY BROADCAST THE WALTZ "AN DER SCHONEN BLAUEN DONAU." THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A WOMAN'S VOICE LISTING GROUPS OF FIVE FIGURES. THIS CODE MESSAGE CAME FROM CIA CENTER IN WEST BERLIN. IT CONTAINED THE REQUEST TO A CIA AGENT IN THE GDR TO COME TO A RENDEZVOUS. THE MAN TO WHOM THIS CODE MESSAGE WAS ADDRESSED IS PRESENT IN THIS ROOM. FOR NEARLY 10 YEARS THE CIA THOUGHT HE WAS ITS AGENT. THE DISCLOSURES MADE AT THIS PRESS CONFERENCE WILL INFORM IT THAT IT WAS MISTAKEN.

ENGINEER EBELING WAS RECRUITED BY CIA OFFICIALS DURING A VISIT TO RELATIVES IN WEST BERLIN IN 1959. HE WAS GIVEN THE COVERNAME "LING." ON HIS RETURN FROM WEST BERLIN HE REPORTED TO THE GDR SECURITY AUTHORITIES. "DURING THE SUBSEQUENT MEETING IN WEST BERLIN I MET A NUMBER OF OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE. THE NAMES THEY USED FOR THEIR MEETING WITH ME WERE: WINTER, MEINE, LAMMERS, BRENNER, ROSS, HANS, HARTSCH, VANDERBILDT, KOPP, AND ENG."

THE ENGINNER EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS GIVEN THE ASSIGNMENT OF COLLECTING ESPIONAGE INFORMATION ABOUT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, AND OF SPYING ON MILITARY SECRETS. AT THE SECRET SERVICE PREMISES IN WEST BERLIN, AT CLAY ALLEE NOS. [illegible] AND [illegible]STRASS NO. 71, HE WAS CHECKED WITH A SO-CALLED LIE-DETECTOR IN NOVEMBER 1958, IN APRIL AND OCTOBER 1959, IN MAY 1960, AND IN MARCH 1961. ONCE THESE TESTS HAD PROVED HIS "RELIABILITY" HE WAS TRAINED AS A WIRELESS OPERATOR. THE TRAINING TOOK PLACE AT CAMOUFLAGED PREMISES OF THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE AT BERLIN-WILMERSDORF, BARBAROSSASTRASSE NO. 32.HE WAS (TGIVEN) A COMPLETE SET FOR WIRELESS OPERATIONS WHICH WAS SHOWN TO THE JOURNALISTS AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

ROLF EBELING DECLARED: "FROM SEPTEMBER 1959 ONWARD, WIRELESS TRANSMISSIONS TOOK PLACE WITH THE CENTER OF THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE IN WEST BERLIN. AT THE SAME TIME CONTACT IN WRITING WAS MAINTAINED THROUGH THE POST BY MEANS OF CODING MATERIALS (GEHEIMSCHRIFTMITTEL)." HE NAMED THE COVER-ADDRESSES USED FOR THIS PURPOSE IN WEST BERLIN AND WEST GERMANY. "TO PASS ON THE CODE KEYS (UNTERLAGEN) AND MATERIALS THE CIA USED SO-CALLED DEAD LETTER DROPS, ONE OF THESE WAS INSTALLED BY CIA AGENTS AT A TOMB IN THE CEMETARY OF THE AUFERSTEHUNGSGEMEINDE AT BERLIN-WEISSENSEE, ANOTHER WAS IN A PARK AT BERLIN-PANKOW. VIA THESE DEAD LETTER DROPS, ASSIGNMENTS AND ITEMS OF MY AGENT'S EQUIPMENT WERE PASSED ON TO ME--FOR INSTANCE, FILM NEGATIVES CONTAINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE WIRELESS TRAFFIC AND THE NECESSARY CODE KEYS, ESPIONAGE INSTRUCTIONS TOGETHER WITH THE CORRESPONDING PICTORIAL IDENTIFICATION AIDS FOR THE COLLECTION OF ESPIONAGE INFORMATION IN THE MILITARY SPHERE, AND VARIOUS CODING MATERIALS."

ROFF EBELING SAID THAT THE WIRELESS INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CIA HAD NOTICEABLY INCREASED SOME TIME AGO. HE WAS MOSTLY GIVEN ASSIGNMENTS TO RECRUIT PERSONS KNOWN TO HIM FOR ESPIONAGE ASSIGNMENTS DURING TOURIST TRIPS TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO SPY, ESPECIALLY ON GDR FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS, AND TO SUPPLY THE CIA WITH INFORMATION THAT WAS SUITABLE FOR USE AS STARTING POINTS IN THEIR RECRUITMENT OF AGENTS.

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